

California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Wednesday, February 20, 2019
9:00 AM PST

Day 1: Rain and snow showers moving through the state with snow levels down to 2000 feet. Gusty winds expected across portions of Southern CA Deserts.

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WEATHER KEY POINTS

02/20/19 - 02/26/19

Wednesday-Friday

- Some travel impacts from yet another cold storm system moving into northern CA today with snow levels dropping below 2000 feet elevations, but even the higher elevations in the Sierra will just see around a half a foot of additional snow.
- Low snow levels, possibly as low as 1500 ft, will also create some travel concerns tonight through Thursday in the southern Sierra, Kern County Mountains, and other southern CA mountain passes
- Slight threat for thunderstorms across southern CA Thursday
- Gusty winds possible along the central Coast and across southern CA, but only minimal impacts expected
- Valley and foothill frost and freezing temperatures again possible Thursday night into early Friday

Saturday-Monday

- Additional light precipitation in northern CA late Saturday into Sunday with snow levels again down to around 2000 ft.



CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

02/20/19 - 02/26/19

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds	Coastal/ Southern						
Snow	Coastal/ Inland	All Regions		Coastal/ Inland	Coastal / Inland	Inland	
Coastal Flooding							
River Flooding							
Thunderstorms (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)		Southern					
Fire Weather (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)							
Heat Risk							
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow							
Extreme Cold	All Regions	All Regions	All Regions	All Regions			



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



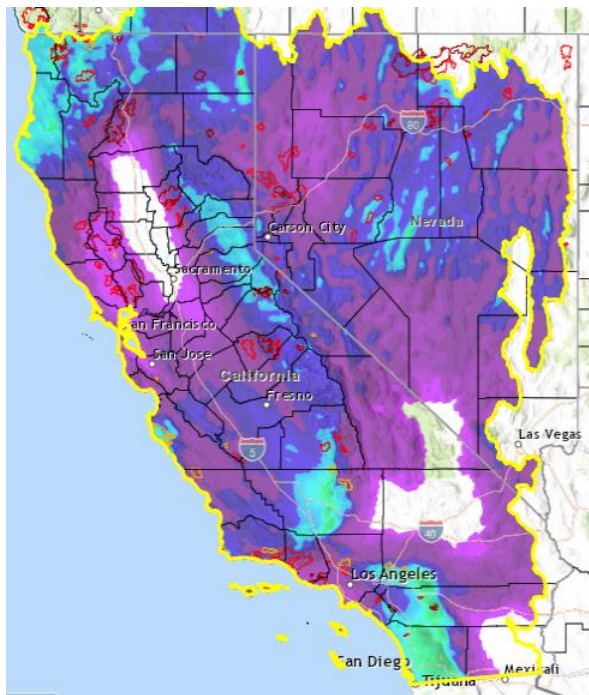
Moderate Impacts



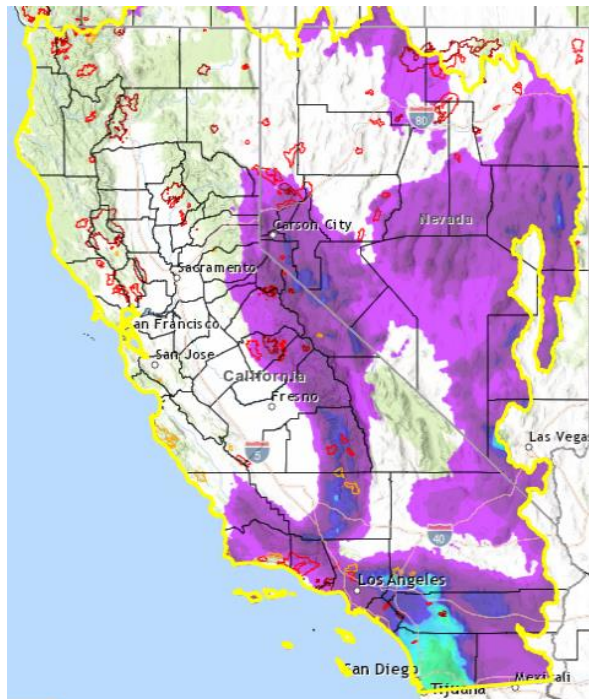
Severe Impacts

PRECIPITATION FORECAST

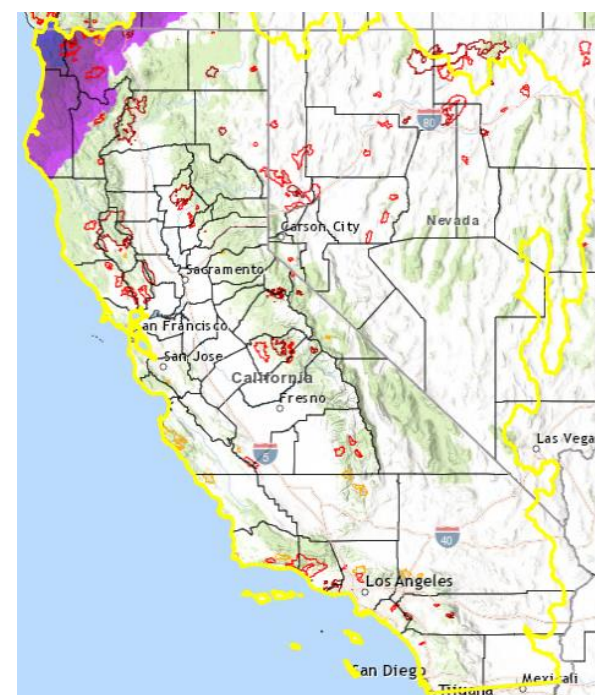
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Wednesday



Thursday



Friday

Precipitation (inches)



WEATHER OUTLOOK

02/25/19 - 03/05/19

6-10 Day Outlook (Feb 25 – Mar 01)

Temperatures

- Moderate to high confidence for below average temperatures statewide

Precipitation

- Moderate confidence in below normal statewide

8-14 Day Outlook (Feb 27 – Mar 05)

Temperatures

- A slight tilting of the odds toward below average temperatures statewide

Precipitation

- Near normal precipitation is favored across much of the state with the exception being Southern CA where there is moderate confidence of below normal precipitation.



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